

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Trans](#)[What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.](#)[View this email in your browser](#)**Newsletter #110:****What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.**

I'm back stateside now. It was a nice trip visiting some of the smaller towns in Germany. Makes me want to buy more German talers! Most of you know me for ancient coins and that remains my biggest passion. That said, I'm slowly starting to buy and sell coins outside of ancients. New areas of interest are talers and also the early coins from Britain. I love the tiny sceattas and the hammered coinage. Stylistically they are fascinating, some extremely crude but an interesting example of how the early coinage of Britain evolved. Isn't it interesting how the Greeks started out with coinage that was simple but still at a higher niveau of artistic ability than some of their later European counterparts? Coinage teaches us so much about a culture.

There is so much coming down the pipeline! I'm already counting down the days until the next big trip to Europe. This one is solely in Zurich where I will concentrate on the Swiss sales, those taking place when I am there and then others later in the month when I will bid from Chicago.

Naville Auction 48 (April 7)

Naville has 658 coins coming up in their 48th auction. Could it possibly be that Naville is finally almost done selling the Clain Stefanelli coins? I noticed only ten in this latest auction. As for the Dattari collection of Roman provincial coinage, there appears to be about 100 or so in this sale. I think most folks are aware now that Naville has several pieces to sell that are ex-Dattari so their sales tend to get very busy when those lots come up. For those of you that aren't aware, Dattari really was a force in the world of Alexandrian coinage. His monumental study is still referenced today so when his coins started to become available in the auctions everyone got pretty excited. Don't get fooled though in thinking that quality Alexandrian coins are so easy to get. This well will eventually dry up so now is a great time to take advantage and get a piece.

Aside from Clain Stefanelli and Dattari coins there are plenty of other charming pieces on offer. I typically bid in the Naville sales so reach out if you need representation.

V Auctions featuring Pars Coins Auction 1 (April 8)

Pars Coins have been around a long time and at some point if you collect ancient coins you probably have purchased from them. Pars has decided to jump into the auction game and will hold their first e-sale on April 8 with 587 coins. Pars is probably more known for their eastern Greek coins so this is a great place to check them out. I plan to participate in the auction so please reach out if you need my help.

Central States Coin Show (April 24-27 in Schaumburg, IL)

Most of you are aware that the Chicago Coin Expo is now defunct and the dealers that exhibited there will now be at the Central States show. Central States normally took place a week or so afterwards so combining the shows makes a lot of sense. Easier for collectors to come and see everything versus having to make a choice. Some dealers even flew home only to turn around and come back a week or so later. It was a lot. I will be exhibiting at the show. I'm at booth 1802 so please come by and see me (and my mom Ellen!).

Oh...and if you are at the show and feel like attending, I will be talking about women on coins. I'm presenting to the Chicago Coin Club at the show. The talk will be on Saturday of the show in the afternoon.

Here are the show specifics:

<https://www.centralstatesnumismaticsociety.org/schedule-of-events>

Heritage Signature Sale 3073 (April 25-26 @ Central States Show Chicago)

The auction of the CSNS is Heritage and they have their live sale on April 25-26 and April 29. There are 360 ancient coins in session 1 on April 25. For those interested I should be able to view coins sometime on the first day of the show. Please keep in mind that Heritage does encapsulate coins so I am unable to view edges of the coin. It can be tricky for viewing properly but obviously not impossible. Let me know if you need my help. The lots are probably best viewed on the Heritage site. They have it really down to a science I have to admit! Their auctions are very easy to bid in.

A link for you:

<https://coins.ha.com/c/search-results.zx?>

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Morton & Eden (Upcoming Live Auction May 2)

Morton & Eden has a decent auction of pedigreed material coming up. I viewed the coins when I was in London. It is worth your time to check out the catalog. If anyone has any questions on the sale please just ask. I will be participating by phone for this auction so get me your bids in the next days.

Nomos Auction 18 (Live in Zurich on May 5)

Nomos will offer 395 high quality ancient coins in their 18th auction on May 5. I will be attending this auction and bidding live on the floor. The catalog is now viewable on Sixbid and Numisbids so check it out. There are several lovely pedigreed pieces available.

NAC Auction 114 (Live in Zurich on May 6-7)

I'm very excited (and a little scared truth be told!) to view the insanely large auction from NAC. There are 994 coins in the first catalog and another 787 in the second part. That is a lot of coins to go through in a few days of viewing. It is highly unlikely I will be able to view all the coins so please let me know well in advance of coins you would like viewed. The catalogs are online now and they are really fantastic. There are some absolutely phenomenal pedigrees along with very high prices to match! The first part of the sale is not for the weak. The bidding will likely be ferocious but nonetheless exciting. The pedigrees are lengthy and impressive.

The second part of the sale will likely be more manageable for the majority of folks. Don't be fooled in thinking that there are lower quality pieces however. There are lots of nice items available in the second part and it shouldn't be ignored. One needs deep pockets for the first part of the sale so maybe everyone will have spent their money in part 1 so there will be something left for the rest of us in part 2!

I will be getting hard copies of the catalogs for those of my customers that want them. Please just let me know.





Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-repuclit/roman-republic-ae-as-anonymous-rome-c-215-212-bc-1?rq=rr1117>

Roman Republic AE As. Anonymous. Rome, c. 215–212 BC

AE As, 89.08g (45mm, 12h). Bearded Janus head / Prow of ship right; above, mark of value (I).

Pedigree: Ex Eberhard Link Collection. Ex Kölner Münzkabinett 69, Cologne 1998, lot 223. Ex M&M AG 47, Basel 1972, lot 68.

Price: \$1,750

Due to the small amounts of silver available, the first coins used by the early Republic c. 280 BC were made of bronze. This likely occurred as Roman conquered central Italy where bronze was plentiful. The coins of the period were cast, not struck. Aes Grave were nothing like the Greek coins that had been struck for the previous 350 years. The coinage was based on the libral standard where the As referred to a coin and the weight. One As equaled one Roman pound (or twelve uncia (ounces)). The weight standard changed around 265 BC when the As equaled 10 uncia. This period was known as the light libral standard.

Aes Grave coinage are normally quite crude looking based on their method of production. The imagery on the coins is typically simplistic in nature. Aside from the Romans, early Etruscan coinage is similarly cast. Other cast coinage types can be found in ancient Olbia however they are large and thinner in fabric.

References: Crawford 41/5a. Sydenham 101. Thurlow Vecchi 70. Haeberlin pp. 119–122, 1–365 pl. 49, 1–21, 50, 1–28. Vecchi, Italian Cast Coinage, 105

Grade: Darker brown patina with minor roughness and encrustation. EF for issue

rr1117

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-repuclit/roman-republic-ae-as-anonymous-rome-c-215-212-bc-1?rq=rr1117>

If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!

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